

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2013**

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on Monday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield.

Present: Councilors Hurley, Kotkin, Manousos, McAlister, Montinieri, Roberts, Deputy Mayor Console, and Chairperson Hemmann. Absent: Councilor Drake

Also present: Anthony Dignoti, Fire Marshal, Sally Katz, Director, Physical Services, Mike Turner, Town Engineer, Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, RaeAnn Palmer, Assistant Town Manager and Dolores G. Sassano, Town Clerk.

Councilor Hurley led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Councilor Manousos moved to **“ADD ANOTHER COUNCIL COMMENT SECTION BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENTS”**, seconded by Councilor McAlister.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Manousos commented that the purpose of doing what Town Council did at the last meeting was to get some further information to the public on the Wilkus Farm sale. He explained that as they deliberated on the disposition of the Wilkus property, house and barn, and the adjacent 10 acres, there were several issues of concern to the public that no single proposal of the three that were being considered entirely solved. He explained that those issues and Town Council goals were to preserve the two barns, keep the 10 acres as open space available for public use including recreational uses, allow for haying to continue, give the Town flexibility in the future use of the 10 acres and to minimize the development of the Goff Rd. property with no blasting. Councilor Manousos explained that after listening to the public on those issues, they found a solution that they believe satisfies all these concerns without burdening or restricting the Town. What you [the public] will hear tonight through a series of motions will authorize the Town Manager to negotiate with Mr. Drisdelle and with Mr. Nowak to do the following, which we are confident they will be achieved and that is to sell the house and barns to Mr. Nowak, not including the 10 acres, use the proceeds to purchase the development rights from Mr. Drisdelle on the Goff Rd. property and the Town would place restrictions on the Goff Rd. property permitting one house without blasting the ledge. Councilor Manousos explained that to do this, there will be a motion to rescind the motion that they approved at the last council meeting and to refer the Drisdelle proposal to P&Z and then authorize the Town Manager to negotiate with Mr. Nowak and Mr. Drisdelle to get all this accomplished.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Robert Young, 20 Coppermill Rd., commented that in the future the Town Council should be more willing to discuss and compromise with each other the issues that arise in Town to make good decisions within the Town. He commented that the Town and the State of Connecticut is in bad shape because of the practices and the economic theories that came out of this Council and the earlier Councils have put us at big risk. Mr. Young also commented that we should stop borrowing money from the State of Connecticut and noted that, in general, the citizens in this Town are in bad shape due to the raising of taxes and other things.

T. William Knapp, 171 Collier Rd., thanked everyone on the Council who listened to the public and feels that it was the right decision to make on behalf of everybody. He wanted to complement everybody on the Council who supports it and hopes that it is unanimous and bipartisan.

Linda Rourke, 63 Crest St., commented that she hopes that the Town is not going to deal with the construction company who wanted to go in there [Goff Rd.] only to destroy the property and make money. She hopes that whatever the Town is doing, the town is going to just try and preserve that land because it doesn't need to be destroyed.

Gus Colantonio, 16 Morrison Ave., commented on a Rare Reminder article dated January 17, 2013 on stop signs; that the [police] department should review all the existing stop signs in Town, remove them where not warranted and add them where needed. Also, the speed limit on Wolcott Hill Rd. in the area of Bliss Market should be reduced. He also thought Town should sell the Wilkus farm property to the farmer and not a developer.

Jim Clynch, 903 Ridge Rd., commented on a notice that he received in the mail regarding being an abutting property owner. He thought Mrs. Steinmetz should receive an apology since he made the remarks which Councilor Drake took issue with and not Mrs. Steinmetz. Mr. Clynch commented that due to a blind curve, he asked for a "caution blind driveway" sign on Marsh St. which the Police Department approved but the Town Manager rejected. Mr. Clynch now doesn't understand how a Heart Safety Community sign, placed on Marsh St, is more important than the rejected "caution blind driveway" sign.

Sue Tenorio, 28 Lincoln Rd., congratulated the Town Council in being sensitive and aware of the communities' reactions to the previously voted proposal. She feels very confident the Town Manager will be fair and transparent in his negotiations as has been mentioned earlier this evening.

Rick Garrey, 35 Harding St., commented that he is glad that they are going to sell the property to Mr. Nowak and believes it is a good decision. Mr. Garrey explained that the Wilkus Farm Advisory Committee was one of the Committees that he volunteered on. He took it very seriously like everyone on that Committee did and it was worth a few nights a week, away from their families, to help the community. Mr. Garrey explained how they came up with some pretty good recommendations, which the Council accepted, agreed with and publicly stated that those were the Council's intentions. When this Council did a 180 and totally disregarded what the

Committee said about saving the barns, etc. and chose to develop the land, as a volunteer, it felt like a waste of time to do all that work and spend all that time with the Committee to have our recommendations, that the Council said were the priority, were just completely ignored. That was part of the reason why he was upset last week. Mr. Garrey commented that we don't have a lot of time to volunteer and when we do, we want to feel like it means something and that you are actually listening. When you say you're listening and you say you are going to do it and you do the opposite anyway, it is tough for a volunteer—why would I volunteer again if it's not going to matter.

COUNCIL REPORTS

None to report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Hemmann reported that the Town Council had a retreat on Saturday in looking to strategize ways to handle capital improvements over the next 5 to 7 years and how they will begin to do that. The Mayor stated that they were presented with a lot of data and will be weeding through it, having further discussion through Budget and Finance and other Committees and during Council meetings.

Mayor Hemmann reported that the Town Council did vote on the teacher's contract at the special meeting retreat on Saturday, February 2. The reason for the delay in the vote was to make sure that the questions from Councilors were answered. She stated they could have just let it go to the 30 days which was after February 2, so February 3rd, but felt it important enough to vote on and the results of the vote were 7 in favor, no opposed and one abstention and wanted to report that to you.

Councilor McAlister commented that he mentioned to a friend at work that we were doing an all-day retreat and his first comment was "who's paying for this"? Councilor McAlister announced that the retreat was done at the middle school; and that they didn't do it at a Spa and they kept the costs down. When you hear the word retreat, people interpret that in different ways.

Deputy Mayor Console reported that he did speak to the Town Manager for the people who live up on Highland Street and the increased activity that is going on a Keisha Farm with the staging area for the construction sites. He stated that he did get some information on what is happening there and the Manager is going to do a little more investigation for him so he can get back to some of the people in that area who continue to call him. Deputy Mayor Console stated that he was there today. Originally there was one company using the site for the MDC project and now there are at least four other company's and subcontractor's using the site bringing in soil. He stated that he followed two trucks one day -- to the bus-way building site. They brought soil back and dumped it into that site, and his concern is that he doesn't know where the soil came from or if it's contaminated at all. It is right next to the streams that feed down to Millwoods Park. He is concerned about that and brought that to the attention to some of the residents in that area. He

stated that he doesn't know how the contracts were written or who is paying Keisha Farm. The original contractor that was supposed to be using that land seems to be subcontracting it out. It seems they are doing something that, to him, should not be happening and is not part of the Wethersfield construction pieces. He stated that the Manager did tell him that Charter Oak Construction is working for CL&P in the area doing electrical contract work and they had some vehicles in there also, but again, Deputy Mayor Console didn't think that that was part of the whole thing. Deputy Mayor Console stated that there is quite a bit of equipment up there and if the equipment is there, he believes that the Town should even be charging them taxes on that equipment, since it's been sitting there. He doesn't know if that can be done or not. He stated that there are many concerns and phone calls from the area. He just wanted to bring, to people's attention, the Manager is looking into it; and will report back to the Council.

Mr. Bridges reported that he did talk to Scott Jellison and Mr. Sheehan of the MDC about those issues and stated that MDC denied those claims. He stated that Mr. Jellison will be going back out there tomorrow to review the situation.

Councilor Manousos commented that he received a call from a resident regarding the pathway into the Reservoir. Beavers are doing a job on knocking down some trees in the spillway and the bridge is kind of a mess. He suggested a town engineer look at it; apparently there are some large 3-ft diameter trees being gnawed and while it may be a good educational site for elementary school students, the Town may want to trap the beaver to remove them.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

TOWN CLERK

Dolores Sassano reported that three letters came in regarding Wilkus Farm. They were from Joel Wagner, Maureen Horowitz and Peter and Kathy Jeanette.

COUNCIL ACTION

Deputy Mayor Console moved **"TO APPOINT ANN BRICKLEY, 143 HIGHCREST RD. TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM 2-4-13 TO 6-30-13"**, seconded by Councilor Roberts.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilor Hurley moved to:

"1) RESCIND THE PRIOR DECISION OF THE COUNCIL THAT HAD AUTHORIZED

THE TOWN MANAGER TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE FINAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS WITH RON DRISDELLE, RJD DEVELOPMENT CO., FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE WILKUS HOUSE AND BARNS WITH THE INTENT THAT, UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS, TO TRANSFER THE 214 GOFF ROAD PARCEL WITH RESTRICTIONS ON THE FURTHER SUBDIVISION THEREOF AND ALL PROCEEDS OF SUCH SALE TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE TOWN'S LAND ACQUISITION FUND;

- 2) TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE FINAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS WITH RICHARD F. NOWAK FOR THE SALE BY THE TOWN OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE WILKUS HOUSE AND BARNS WITH ALL PROCEEDS OF SUCH SALE TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE TOWN'S LAND ACQUISITION FUND; AND,**
- 3) TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE FINAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS WITH RON DRISDELLE, RJD DEVELOPMENT CO., FOR THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS BY THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD FOR CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE 214 GOFF ROAD PARCEL, AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ALLOW FOR SUCH POSSIBLE ACQUISITION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, OBTAINING A REPORT FROM THE WETHERSFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION REGARDING THE ACQUISITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 8-24",**
seconded by Councilor Montinieri.

Mr. Bridges explained that based on the conversations we had in Executive Session this evening, this motion provides as stated, three different things. The first is to rescind the motion that is already on the table for my office to negotiate for the proposal with Mr. Drisdelle; the second one would be to then negotiate with Mr. Nowak for him to purchase the property which would include the town retaining the development rights of the land sold to Mr. Nowak; and the third is to authorize the town manager's office to negotiate with Mr. Drisdelle the development rights for 214 Goff Rd and that is the context of the motion.

Commissioner McAlister asked Mr. Bridges if the basic purpose of this is to limit the development of the house and barns to that one property, there is no additional houses that are going to be developed there and then for Drisdelle's property to limit that to a single property which it is currently with no blasting.

Mr. Bridges responded that is his understanding, yes.

Councilor Kotkin commented that he supports this motion and series of motions and thinks it is an opportunity for Council to basically address pretty much all of the desires and statements that have been made to them over the past few months about the use of, not only the property that Mr.

Drisdelle currently owns on Goff Rd., but also the use of the house and barn, and applauds this change and looks forward to the Council approving it.

Deputy Mayor Console commented that he supports part of the motion, but unfortunately cannot support the motion. Deputy Mayor Console urged everyone to reread the explanatory text for the referendum on May 12, 2009 and then the question that was involved with buying the open space and stated that he has no problem with selling the house and barns to Mr. Nowak and I'm sure he would fix the house and do something with the barns, but from what the referendum said and Mr. Nowak also wants an additional 30,000 sq. feet of the open space that people voted on for open space so I have an issue with that. He explained that if it was just the house and barns, I have no problem with that, but that his biggest issue is the opened up Town Lands Acquisition Fund that will, once this is over, will have zero dollars in there and you are essentially buying the development rights on Goff Rd. which will solve the problem with the people that live on Goff Rd., but the town's people get nothing in return. Deputy Mayor Console explained that this property is going to be privately owned, so we don't own it, we are paying a developer not to develop on this property and whoever buys that property will own the property and it would be something that the town paid for and I just cannot agree with, maybe the other councilors can, but those are your tax dollars that should be going to buy other open space that anyone in town can use and by doing this, no one can use that property. So I think that the Open Space Town Land Acquisition Fund should be for all taxpayers when we buy property that anyone can use that space as we can right now with Wilkus Farm, so again, let me reiterate, I have no problem with Mr. Nowak buying the house and barns, but do have a problem with him getting the 30,000 sq. ft. that people had wanted as open space and will now no longer be open space for the town and will be privately owned. He stated that his major issue is that the ~~\$205~~ \$205,000 taxpayer dollars that should be buying space that anyone in town could use is going to be used for a private developer not to develop and whoever buys that property will own that property and the town will get nothing in return. This is going to, in my opinion only, is going to set a precedence in the future that when other people want to do something on property or an open space thing that we are going to be buying other peoples' property and then getting nothing in return also, so that is my reason why I am going to vote no.

Councilor McAlister commented that he understands Deputy Mayor Console's points and interpretation but stated that he looks at the vote for open space as preserving open space by purchasing that land or saving a little over 4 acres, it is still only one house, just like it is today, I understand there is no public access, but we are entering into negotiations so if the public has significant concerns about it being not being beneficial for the town to buy property development rights for \$200,000 and we get nothing in return, then I would welcome them to come out in force the next meeting and voice their opinion.

Mayor Hemmann stated that she does support this motion and believes it gets to the spirit of what was looked at previously in the past meeting. She stated that she does see the development rights as a way to preserve the land even though it would be a privately owned parcel. It is still preserving the land as it is and I think that is the important piece.

Councilor Roberts stated that we need to make sure that people in the audience get copies of the motion because it is kind of lengthy.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 7-1-0. Deputy Mayor Console voted No.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Hurley moved **“TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FOR FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY”**, seconded by Deputy Mayor Console.

Mr. Bridges asked Assistant Town Manager, Rae Ann Palmer and Fire Marshal Anthony Dignoti to come forward to explain the agenda item.

Ms. Palmer explained that this is a request for a grant with Homeland Security Funds from the federal government to do an elderly citizen fire safety and inspection outreach. She explained that essentially the plan would be to send a mailing out to every household in the community offering for the Fire Marshal and Fire Inspector to go in and do a fire inspection in single family homes. She explained that we are not required by law to do inspections in single family homes so we don't reach the elderly residents that are aging in place and I'm certain Fire Marshal Dignoti can give you statistics about that. She stated that essentially they will go in and do a fire safety inspection, install smoke detectors and CO detectors if necessary. Ms. Palmer explained that the funds are about \$26,000. There is a 10% match s already in the budget because of the fire inspectors' salary; it would increase the hours and allow us to reach more of the elderly citizens.

Fire Marshal Dignoti thanked Rae Ann for all the work that she did on the grant. He explained that the fire department started this back around 2006-2007, when we received a grant and back then, before he was the Fire Marshal, he helped do some of these inspections at the elderly housing complexes and it went very well. Mr. Dignoti stated that since he became Fire Marshall, he has been trying to continue to do that but with other obligations, he is running out of man-hours. So what we would like to do with the grant is to continue what was put in place many years ago. He explained that part of the plan is to make sure we inspect all the mult-family complexes which are required by law. The grant will also allow us to offer inspections to single-family homes. A few years ago they ran into some problems with some condos, some of our housing authority complexes or apartments where there were some issues where he had to get involved was able to rectify them. He explained that the workload is increasing and to get some assistance would be a huge help. He commented that two years ago, the State created a statute that protects the municipality from installing smoke detectors, so we can go in and install smoke detectors and CO detectors and part of this money will buy some smoke detectors and CO detectors to have on hand. He routinely gets calls from folks who need help to change the batteries and the workload is increasing, there is a demand for it so we help out the citizens that need help.

Mayor Hemmann stated that she knows that this has been well received by the seniors in learning what they can do and how safe their home is.

Fire Marshal Dignoti stated that as part of the program they have gone to AHEPA Housing, Executive Square, Fuller Housing which the folks really enjoy being taught about fire safety and discuss some issues and problems that we can help them with and it goes over very well.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Manousos moved **“TO RENEW FOR THREE YEARS THE CONSTITUTION ADVISORY GROUP AS THE AGENT OF RECORD FOR HEALTH INSURANCE AND USI AS THE AGENT OF RECORD FOR LAP (INCLUDING WORKER’S COMPENSATION) INSURANCE AT THE RATE OF COMPENSATION PROVIDED FOR HEREIN”**, seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Mr. Bridges explained that in accordance with the Town Code, every three years, the Insurance Committee has to refer names to his office for the Agents of Record for health insurance and for the Liability Auto Property [LAP] insurance which includes the workers comp. He explained that in 2010 the Insurance Committee went through a very thorough process of soliciting, vetting, interviewing and recommending to the governing body Agents of Record. From that process in 2010, Chris Wardrop of USI was put forth and the Council approved the recommendation and Chris Monroe of Constitution Advisory Group was retained as the Agent of Record for health insurance. Mr. Bridges explained three years later, we are not in the same situation where their terms are up for renewal. The Insurance Committee is extremely satisfied with the performance of both groups, but they are recommending that both these firms are retained in their respective agent positions and within that the worker’s comp. and liability insurance with USI, the compensation would stay as is, except for the third year when it would increase by \$1200. The medical insurance compensation would stay the same for the next three years that it is now at \$34,000. Mr. Bridges commented that these two groups have been extremely helpful and stated that Chris Wardrop knows more about insurance than anyone than he has ever met and has been extremely helpful not only with the day-to-day stuff, but particularly with the High School Renovation project, he has reviewed every contract for its insurance requirements before we put it out to the vendors and it has been just an extremely helpful process. Mr. Bridges then stated that the Insurance Committee is recommending these gentlemen and these groups. Mr. Bridges ask Councilor Kotkin if he wanted to speak.

Councilor Kotkin commented that he has been a liaison on the Insurance Committee for the last seven or eight years and we did go through a whole interview process in 2007 and 2010. In 2010 we did make a change where USI came in and did their presentation. Councilor Kotkin commented that we have a very good Insurance Committee and they are extremely satisfied with these two folks and they are holding their bids and are providing excellent service to the town so the Insurance Committee is basically saying these are excellent people, we don’t need to go through an RFP at this point, there is no change in the compensation for them and I concur. He

stated that he would highly endorse both of these folks and the motion that has been set forth.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Deputy Mayor Console moved to **“TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE BY AUCTION OF A 1990 LEE BOY PAVER”**, seconded by Councilor Hurley.

Mr. Bridges explained that we have a 1990 paving box which is scrap and it is recommended to send it to auction.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

BIDS

Councilor Hurley moved to **“AWARD THE BID FOR WILLIAMS STREET DRAINAGE TO MARTIN LOVERIA CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,990”**, seconded by Deputy Mayor Console.

Mr. Bridges explained that this project was budgeted in the CIP for \$30,000, but on a full review of the project and in design we have added two additional catch basins on the other side of the street and Mike Turner, the Town Engineer is here to answer any questions regarding this project and indicated that there is a map in the packet showing the location of the new catch basins and the extent of the project.

Councilor Manousos commented that he noticed that this bid price is significantly lower than some of the lower ones and asked if Mr. Turner was comfortable that they are qualified to do the job.

Mr. Turner responded yes, he is comfortable and stated that Loverio has been doing work close to 20 years in Wethersfield and stated that they actually did the Main St. reconstruction back in 1995 all the brick sidewalks, the drainage and the work there. Mr. Turner stated that they are a large firm and they do this type of work all over the place, both privately and for other municipalities.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor McAlister moved to **“AWARD THE CRCOG BID FOR UNLEADED GASOLINE TO DIME OIL COMPANY”**, seconded by Manousos.

Mr. Bridges asked Rae Ann Palmer and Sally Katz, Director of Physical Services to come forward and explain the agenda item.

Ms. Palmer explained that this is the annual bid that we do through the Capitol Region Council of Governments where we join with 29 other towns to pool our resources and get better prices so

this is the bid for unleaded gasoline and the price in the contract is \$2.89. She explained that last year's price was \$2.77, so it's about \$73,000 gallons that we will purchase and we are in the process of evaluating whether and how big the decrease is based on the transition to natural gas administered vehicles.

Councilor McAlister asked Ms. Palmer if she knew how many partner towns are going to natural gas because if more of our partner towns start switching, and we have less volume here, it's going to get more expensive to keep going with oil.

Ms. Palmer responded that the only other town that she knows of using natural gas for their vehicles is Glastonbury and stated that we have other towns considering it and looking at it but no one else has installed a filling station. Ms. Palmer explained that it is still a lot cheaper for us to purchase the natural gas directly from CNG to fill our vehicles than it would be to use, for example, the new filling stations that the consumer wants at their building.

Councilor Kotkin asked what is the price differential now between natural gas and oil for the same vehicle.

Ms. Palmer responded about \$1.39 per gallon. It's a big difference.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION

No items for introduction.

MINUTES

Councilor Kotkin moved **"TO APPROVE WITH CHANGES THE 6:00 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2013"**, seconded by Councilor McAlister.

Councilor McAlister commented that the minutes had him marked as absent but he was present at the meeting.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Hurley moved **"TO APPROVE WITH CHANGES THE 6:30 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2013"** seconded by Councilor McAlister.

Councilor Kotkin commented that the minutes had him marked as absent but he was present at the meeting.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Kotkin moved **“TO APPROVE WITH CHANGES THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2013”**, seconded by Councilor McAlister.

Councilor Manousos commented that on page 2 about 10 lines down, “or” should say “for”.

Councilor Roberts commented that on page 11 under Council Reports “Madison” should be spelled “Mattison” and on a few lines down “Triple A” should be “AAA”, and on page 14, second paragraph “night” should be changed to “next”.

Councilor Kotkin commented that on page 5 “Hugh” Laccavole should be changed to “Lou”.

Councilor Manousos questioned what the “....” meant on pg. 12 and Ms. Sassano responded that the audio was unclear at those two points.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tracy McDougall, 45 Nott St., thanked the Councilors for helping to preserve Wilkus Farm.

Jim Clynych, 903 Ridge Rd., commented that at the meeting of January 22, he was surprised and disappointed on the motion that was passed by the five Council members and suggested to the Town Manager to get the Police Dept. involved because he thought it was so corrupt. He commented that he thought Mr. Manousos should apologize to the Democratic Town Chairman because he thought that it was her who suggested calling the police, but it was him.

Eileen Candels, 106 Windmill Hill, thanked the Council for their careful consideration of all the opinions that they have heard over a number of weeks and months as well as the original referendum and the vote and the wishes of the Town of Wethersfield and wished the council good luck with proceeding next.

Robert Young, 20 Coppermill Rd., commented that he doesn’t know why we are not out there trying to buy the entire property rights, all of it because it would leave it into wilderness. He stated that he understands that there might be some money problems but the money problems are mostly self-inflicted by the Council. He commented we paid a fortune for Wilkus Farms years ago and had we waited we could have paid half of that, but no, you had to move on things and that cost us a lot of cash. Mr. Young commented on an article that stated that CT is falling into the bottom in comparison with other States regarding their debt situation as being the worst in the country in 2012. Mr. Young recited other articles claiming that Connecticut’s financial status is the worst in the nation as far as the debt burden. He commented that the Council and the CT Legislature has put us in such bad shape and we are not seeing any homes being sold and we are not seeing any upward pricing of those few homes that are sold. He commented that people are feeling sandwiched with their parents getting older and in need of help and their children moving back home unable to find jobs.

Mayor Hemmann commented that there are a lot of good things happening in Town.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 p.m., Councilor Hurley moved "**TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**" seconded by Councilor Kotkin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0

Dolores G. Sassano
Town Clerk

Approved by Vote of Council
February 19, 2013

Minutes have been amended on Pg. 6 to reflect an error in a dollar amount changing \$205 to \$205,000.